Setting up of a National Grievance Cell under Health Ministry

4061. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Grievances Cell has been set up under his Ministery for redressal of public grievances regarding treatment at Government hospitals as well as private hospitals in the country;

(b) what are the notable features of this system; and

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP):

(a) to (c) A Grievance Redressal Cell (Health Sector) has been established in the Directorate General of Health Services on 25th March, 1997 to deal with complaints relating to medical treatment.

The complaints received by the Cell are followed-up with the concerned authorities for investigation and appropriate action.

Slashing MBBS Seats in Lady Hardinge Medical College

4062. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India has slashed the MBBS seats of Lady Hardinge Medical College from the year 1997-98;

(b) the number of seats both allowed for this college and also curtailed from the year 1997-98;

(c) what are the reasons for curtailing the seats of this college;

(d) whether the Medical Council has also taken similar decision for other colleges; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The Executive Committee of the Medical Council of India has taken a decision to reduce the number of seats from 130 to 100 from 1997—98, mainly due to non-filling of certain posts. The Council has also advised creation of specific posts.

(d) and (e) The MCI has reported that it has taken similar action in respect of three other colleges, viz.

(1) J.J. Medical College, Devanagere

(2) N.K.P. Salve Instt. of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Nagpur.

(3) K.J. Somaiya Medical College & Research Centre, Bombay.

Complaint Regarding Contaminated Amicin Injection Manufactured By Biochem Pharmaceuticals Industries, Mumbai

4063. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complaint regarding contaminated injection Amicin 500 mg. having fungus like growth, manufactured by M/s Biochem Pharmaceuticals Industries, Mumbai, batch No.B 24495, with manufacturing date 11/95 and expiry date 10/98 was received in the Health Ministry in February, 1996 with a copy to the Director-General of Health Service, Government of India, New Delhi; if so, what action was taken on the same;

(b) whether one such vial was surrendered to the Dy. Drug Controller, Rajasthan at Jaipur on 23rd February, 1996 for analysis; and

(c) action taken by the Central Drug Authorities and Rajasthan Drug Authorities in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The information was immediately conveyed to the State Licensing Authorities of Rajasthan and Maharashtra in which State the manufacturer is located. The State Licensing Authorities of Rajasthan and Maharashtra carried out necessary invcstigations. Based on the results of analysis of the sample taken, the Licensing Authority of Maharashtra State suspended the permission for manufacture for 20 days w.e.f. 11-10-96 to 30-10-96. The State Licensing Authority of Rajasthan has also sent the sample to Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta who passed the sample for all tests except one which was not performed. The State Licensing Authority of Rajasthan has been advised to take further necessary action.

चमोली जिले में सत्वों से औषध-निर्माण हेतु संस्थान का स्थापना का प्रस्ताव

4064 : **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जड़ी-बूटियों की खोज और इनके सत्वों से औषधियों के निर्माण के लिए उत्तर-प्रदेश में कोई संस्थान कार्य कर रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार इस क्षेत्र के चमोली जिले में ऐसा संस्थान स्थापित करने का है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमाकान्त डी० खलप): (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय आयुर्वेद एवं सिद्ध अनुसंधान परिषद के अधीन भारतीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान (औषध अनुसंधान) ताड़ीखेत, रानीखेत उत्तर प्रदेश आयुर्वेदिक औषधीय पादपों पर कार्य कर रहा है। एक अन्य संगठन अर्थात इंडियन मेडिसिन फार्मेस्यूटीकल कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड मोहान, जिला रामनगर में आयुर्वेदिक और यूनानी और औषधियों का निर्माण करता है।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

मध्य प्रदेश में सीधी में खैरवार जाति में बच्चों का पैदा न होना

4065. **श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह:** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सत्य है कि मध्य प्रदेश में सीधी जिला में कुसमी विकास खण्ड निवास करने वाली खैरवार जाति के अनुसूचित जनजाति समुदाय में बच्चे जन्म नहीं ले रहे है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण किया है, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमाकान्त डी० खलप): (क) और (ख) भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद से उपलब्ध रिपोर्टों के अनुसार भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद के अधीन जबलपुर में स्थित क्षेत्रीय आदिवासी चिकित्सा अनुसंधान केन्द्र ने 1992-93 में सीधी जिले के कुसुमी ब्लाक के खैरवारियों का अध्ययन किया था और पाया कि अन्य जनजातियों की अपेक्षा खैरवारियों में प्रजन्नता कम थी। प्रत्येक सक्षम खेरवाल दम्पति द्वारा जन्मे बच्चों की संख्या, अन्यों में 2.7 की तुलना में, 1.9 थी। तथापि, कुछ गांवों में यह दर्ज किया गया था कि पिछले पांच वर्षों में केवल एक बच्चे का ही जन्म हुआ था।

Indigenous Medicine for Cerebral Malaria

4066. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of our Research Institutes have developed an indigenous medicine for the treatment of fatal Cerebral Malaria;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the medicine will be available in the market at reasonable prices?